

Early Learning Coalition



of Pinellas County, Inc.

Policy: ELCPC-60.1.1	Title: School Readiness Child Care Scholarship Service Categories and Eligibility Priority	
	Review Date: October 2014	Next Review Date: October 2015

References: Ch. 1002.87, Florida Statutes

Purpose: To establish service categories and waitlist priorities for School Readiness scholarship recipients.

Background: The school readiness program is established for children from birth up to age 13 under s. 1002.87(1), F. S.

I. New Placements

Referral/Non-Waitlist Priority Service Categories

Waitlist Priority	Eligibility Category
1	At Risk of Welfare Dependency
<i>FOEL Mandated Population</i>	A child younger than 13 years of age from a family that includes a parent who is Receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and subject to the federal work requirements.
2 <i>FOEL Mandated Population</i>	Children under 9 years of age At-Risk –Diversion At Risk- Homeless At Risk- Domestic Violence At Risk- Protective Services At Risk- Foster Care At Risk – Out of Home Placement At-Risk - Relative Care Giver At-Risk – Protective Investigations

Waitlist Priority Service Categories

Waitlist Priority	Eligibility Category
3A	Economically Disadvantaged Children Ages birth to 5 prior to kindergarten eligibility.
3B	Economically Disadvantaged TANF Child Only Ages birth to 5 prior to kindergarten eligibility.
	Contingent upon the availability of funds, priority within Priority 3 will be given to eligible families participating in: VPK Wrap Teen Parent Clearwater Family Literacy Ready for Life
4A	Transitional Child Care (TCC) or Education/Training TCC/TEd) ages birth to 5 prior to kindergarten eligibility.
5	Children ages 9 to younger than 13 years At-Risk –Diversion At Risk- Homeless At Risk- Domestic Violence At Risk- Protective Services At Risk- Foster Care At Risk – Out of Home Placement At Risk – Relative Care Giver At Risk – Protective Investigations
6A	Economically Disadvantaged Income Eligible Children Ages 5(kindergarten eligible) to younger than 13 years.
6B	Economically Disadvantaged TANF & Child Only Ages 5(kindergarten eligible) to younger than 13 years.
	Contingent upon the availability of funds, priority within Priority 6 will be given to eligible families participating in: Teen Parent Clearwater Family Literacy Ready for Life
7	Transitional Child Care (TCC) or Education/Training TCC/TEd) 5 (kindergarten eligible) to younger than 13 years.

8	Children 3 years to eligible for admission to kindergarten who have been determined eligible as a student with a disability, has a current IEP with a Florida school district.
9	Children eligible under Priority 1-4 but who are also enrolled concurrently in Head Start and Voluntary PreKindergarten

II. Roll Overs

- a. The status of roll overs between priority groups and funding categories will be determined by the CEO based on availability of funds according to monthly utilization reviews.

III. Break in Care

- a. Foster children moving from one foster family placement to another with a break in care no greater than 10 days will not be considered a new placement. This action will not constitute a 'break in care'.